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SUBJECT: BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY: NOVEMBER 16-17 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING: MIDDLE EAST

REF: A) BRUSSELS 15990 (NOTAL), B) STATE 272514

- 1. BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER (WILLEMS) TOLD US THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSS THIS TOPIC AT THEIR POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING NOVEMBER 22. WILLEMS VIEWED MIDDLE EAST AS THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL TOPIC THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSING.
- 2. PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION WILLEMS SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS DECIDED THAT IT WAS "TOO EARLY" TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA (REF B). HE SAID DIRECTORS WILL BE GUIDED BY WHAT, IF ANYTHING, THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS SAY ON THIS ISSUE AT NOVEMBER 22 MEETING.
- 3. SAHARA AND POLISARIO POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD A
 BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SAHARA BUT DID NOT DECIDE
 WHETHER SUBJECT SHOULD FALL WITHIN PPPVIEW OF NINE'S
 AFRICAN OR MIDDLE EASTERN EXPERTS WORKING GROUP.
 (MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD US THAT HE MADE A
 DEMARCHE NOVEMBER 10 TO BELGIAN DIRECTOR GENERAL
 SCHOUMAKEE AND THAT MAURITANIAN ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
 HAD CALLED ON BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN NOUAKCHOTT
 NOVEMBER 16. MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID BOTH THESE
 DEMARCHES TO EC NINE WERE FOLLOW-UP TO RECENT
 JOINT MAURITANIAN-MOROCCAN DEMARCHE AT U.N. AND
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HAD STRESSED POINT THAT ALGERIAN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT "DESTABILIZATION" IN REGION HAD NO ARAB SUPPORT, NOT EVEN LIBYAN.).

4. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE - WILLEMS SAID DOLITICAL DIRECTORS APPROVED REPORT ON RECENT BRUSSELS MEETING OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE GENERAL COMMISSION WITH VIRTUALLY NO DISCUSSION. CHAMBERS

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